

Fish battle Owlets here tonight

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The Aggie Fish make their debut tonight by taking on the Rice Owlets in Kyle Field at 7:30 p.m.

A&M will be seeking its first win this season, while Rice is 2-1 on the year.

The Fish lost to TCU 31-7 and Baylor 12-7 in games played on the road. The Owlets have beaten Wharton Junior College 40-14 and SMU 21-0, but they lost to a tough Texas Shorthorn team 35-6 Friday in Austin.

Injuries have hurt the Fish this year, particularly in the line, where there was a depth problem to begin with, since there are so few scholarship linemen. Offensive guard Mike Cady missed the Baylor game, and defensive guard Robert Dennis, a 5-11, 195-pound-

er from Big Spring, has missed both games, but they both might be able to play against Rice.

Defensive guard Billy Williams and offensive tackle Dan Sibley will probably miss this week's contest. Defensive back Chris Hentzen's knee injury will definitely keep him out of action against the Owlets.

Coach Jim Keller's Fish, who had an open date last week, will line up with Eric Elkins at split end and Mike Burton at tight end on offense. Sharing the tight end spot will be Roger Gaskamp, the leading A&M receiver. He has caught six passes for 57 yards. Across the line will be left tackle Keith Rice, left guard Richard Semands, center Darrell Taliaferro, right guard Cady, and right tackle Kevin Smith.

In the backfield, the quarter-

back will be either Tim Trimmier or Mark Green. Trimmier, a San Antonio Lee product, has started both games and has completed 12 passes for 116 yards. Green, from Odessa, has played safety on defense in both games, but he was an outstanding quarterback at Odessa High. The 6-3, 210 pounder is rated by Keller as the best athlete on the team. Tailback Gary Smith, fullback David Stands, and wingback Bobby Merren round out the backfield.

Smith is the leading ball carrier for the Fish, having carried 32 times for 112 yards. He played tailback at Airline High in Bossier City, La., where he was the leading rusher and scorer in the state. Backup men are tailback Pat Herring, fullback Dwight LaBauve, and wingback Grady Harris.

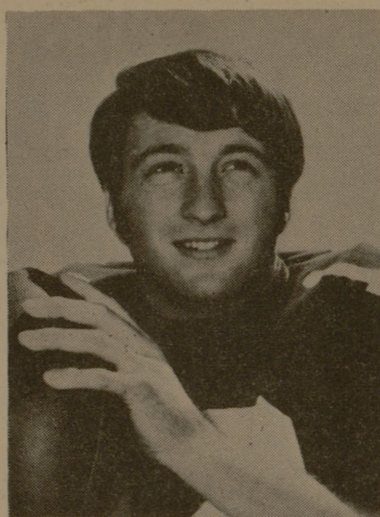
who went on to play for the Cleveland Browns.

The linebackers will be Steve Wood, Billy Wiebold, and Van Daniel. The cornerbacks are Charles Billingsley and Mark Benbow. Benbow is a non-scholarship athlete from Bryan, starting his first game, although he has seen action in the other two. He has a twin brother, Winkie, who is the backup man at the cornerback spot occupied by Billingsley. Both Benbows are 5-10 and 175.

The starting Fish safeties are Green and Bill Nutt, the punter. Nutt is 6-0 and he weighs 185 pounds. A quarterback-safety at Brenham, he has punted 16 times this season, and his average is 43.6 yards. His longest kick was for 61 yards against Baylor.

Rice Owlet Coach John Linville, in his second year at the Houston school, will start Preston Anderson and Tracy Terry at the offensive ends, with Rex Greebon and Charles Orwig at the tackles. The guards are Joe Parker and Joe Suggs, and the center is the Owlets will be Edwin Collins, with Joe Phy at tailback, Pat Kelly at fullback, and Danny Frazier as the flanker.

On defense, Steve Pruitt and Clyde Adcock line up at the ends, and Bryan Davenport and Wade Bode are the guards. Dave Snelling, Carl Feuerbacher, and Jerry French are the Rice linebackers. The cornerback positions will be manned by Darrell Bingham and Danny Vasquez, while Davis Simpson is the rover and Bruce Henley the safety.



Joe Mac King

ND vs. UT again in Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Evidence supporting a possible Texas-Notre Dame rematch in the Cotton Bowl is outlined in the new issue of Dave Campbell's Texas Football Newsmagazine, published this week.

Notre Dame's co-captain, Tim Kelly, and Arkansas Coach Frank Broyles are among those supporting the idea that Jan. 1 will see another Dallas visit by the Irish, with a possible national championship being the prize and incentive.

Kelly, a tough linebacker, told a Midwestern observer that "if we can't get Ohio State, I think we'd like to get another crack at Texas."

Texas Football's Midwest report also sums up: "The way Notre Dame players feel is that if they can win the rest of their games, then beat Texas, there is no way they could be denied the No. 1 rating."

The game will be the 32nd meeting of the tow teams. The Fish have won 16, the Owlets 13, and there have been two ties.

Joe Mac is a QB; wants to be a vet

Joe Mac King of Mineola has a couple of tough chores at Texas A&M. He's battling Lex James for the quarterback job on the varsity football team and he's in the tough college of Veterinary Medicine.

"I just want to play some football and stay in Vet school," King says.

Joe Mac isn't likely to be dropped out of Vet school, because he's a good student. And, he got his chance to do something on the football field last Saturday and did a pretty good job.

When Lex James was shaken up in the first period against Baylor, King came on and took the Aggies 63 yards in 15 plays for a touchdown that put A&M in front, 12-10. He hit tight end Homer May with a 3-yard TD pass. On the drive he made four key third down plays, three times running the keeper for 4, 3 and 5 yards and once hitting May for 19 yards on a third-and-17 situation.

For the time he was in, King hit 4 of 7 passes for 87 yards and the one touchdown. The only bad part was that he was rushed hard just before the half and his desperation pass was picked off by Ed Marsh who returned it 52 yards for a Baylor TD.

Joe Mac, a 6-2, 195-pound junior letterman, was an All-East Texas quarterback at Mineola. He guided the A&M freshmen to their only unbeaten season, a 5-0

mark in 1968. He lettered last year, mainly as a holder for placekicks.

King is an intelligent youngster with a 3.0 grade point average on A&M's 4.0 system. He has a strong arm for passing and he runs with power. "I need to improve my quickness more than anything," he says, "and I believe I have improved on that this season."

Joe Mac hasn't played a lot this season because James has had a good year. But, late in the Wichita State game, King came in and threw three passes, two of which went for touchdowns.

He was an all-around athlete at Mineola High. In football he played both quarterback and defensive cornerback. He was a forward in basketball and he ran the open quarter and the 330 hurdles in track.

After his football career is completed, Joe Mac plans to be a veterinarian.

Three schools on probation

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